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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE, OLD PUBLIC OFFICES, BANGALORE.

Press Note.

WORKING OF THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

The Inter-Departmental Committee which consists of the Chief Minister as Chairman and the Secretaries to Government and Heads of Departments as members met on 30th November 1953 in the Legislative Council Hall in the Old Public Offices to review the progress of the schemes under the States Five-Year Plan and the adjustments required thereunder and measures necessary for the acceleration of progress in certain directions, particularly in the scarcity-affected areas and for relief of unemployment among urban and educated classes. Sri K. Hanumanthaiah, Chief Minister, presided and the Ministers for Revenue, Agriculture and Local Self-Government were also present.

The Commissioner for Economic Development and Planning made a detailed review of the progress secured in the first half of the year 1953-54 in the implementation of the Plan in the several Departments and expressed the view that generally while the provision allowed by Government in the Budget for 1953-54 for the several Departments was somewhat below the amount envisaged in the Plan, the actual outlay in most of the Departments was disproportionately low in the first half of the year although in the second half of the year it would be very much larger in the normal course. He suggested that the Heads of Departments should keep a close watch on the actual execution of the various schemes and ensure that the targets for the year should not only be fully reached but exceeded to make up for the short-fall in the previous two years. He also indicated that the review of implementation of the schemes in each Department should be carefully assessed by the Heads of Departments with reference to three basic considerations which had not hitherto received adequate attention, namely,

(1) Publicity and propaganda under the Plan regarding the work in each Department and the programme itself;
(2) Enlistment of popular support, co-operation and association in the execution of the Plan;
(3) The break-up of the Plan into regional programmes with reference to the position in each Department.

The Heads of Departments made statements regarding the actual position of implementation of the Plan in their Departments. The Committee considered their suggestions and made suitable recommendations on various items.

In regard to accelerating the progress of work on the Bhadra and Nugu Projects for which a large amount of additional finance had now been given by the Central Government, the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, stated that measures had been put in hand for utilising the full budget provision and accelerating the works. The Chief Electrical Engineer stated that a critical position had almost been reached regarding the power supply resources in the State and immediate sanction of Shimsha Hydro-Electric Extension Project which had been included in the Plan was necessary to give some interim relief in this respect.

The Commissioner of Development and Planning intimated that the Central Government had expressed their readiness to give financial assistance for the establishment of the State's Industrial Finance Corporation in accordance with a general policy which had been enunciated by them recently and that the structural details of the Corporation proposed to be set up in Mysore would be furnished shortly to them and the Corporation itself would commence operations within the next one or two months. He intimated that the Planning Commission's Deputy Secretary, Sri Tarlok Singh, would visit the State shortly to study the measures adopted in Mysore which had secured striking rural development in the State through the extension of rural electrification and and irrigation schemes as it was the desire of the Planning Commission that other States should be induced to adopt similar measures for achieving similar speedy progress. The Minister for Agriculture, Dr. Nagan Gowd, susgested that the Heads of Departments concerned should urgently take up proposals for the development of fishery in Thungabhadra and other big reservoirs in the State as considerable revenue could be realised and for expediting the Seed Control Legislation in respect of sericultural development work and proposals for the extension of irrigation through bore-wells in suitable areas of the State. The Inter-Departmental Committee appointed a Sub-Committee for considering the question of further decentralisation of powers to Heads of Departments and prescribing of efficient studies for departmental officials with a view to securing further speed in the despatch of official work in Government offices.

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Press Note.

ISSUE PRICE OF WHEAT.

In Press Note dated 10th October 1953, it was announced that the retail issue price of wheat to the poorer classes of the population in the affected areas of the State only was reduced to Re. 0-6-2 per seer.

2. With a view to popularise wheat in the other areas of the State also, the Government of India was moved to supply wheat at the concession rate of Re. 14 per maund. The Government of India have now agreed that the 20,000 tons of wheat already allotted to Mysore may be treated for the purpose of popularisation in the State instead, subject to the following conditions:—

(1) This quantity of wheat should not be utilised for conversion into "fines"; and
(2) This may be sold on "no profit no loss" basis, *i.e.*, at the price of Rs. 14 per maund *plus* the incidental charges.

3. The retail issue price of wheat has accordingly been revised and fixed at 2 3/8 seers per rupee or Re. 0-6-9 per seer uniformly throughout the State including scarcity-affected areas with effect from 5th December 1953.

(P.N. No. 100—4-12-53).

Press Note.

Cultural and Social Uplift as part of the New Educational System in Mysore.

Co-ordination of effort among the several agencies in the State.

For some time now, Government have been feeling, especially in view of the impending introduction of the new system of education in the State, that there is an urgent need for co-ordinating the efforts made not only by the Education Department of the Government, but also of the Mysore State Adult Education Council, Bharath Seva Dal, Bharath Sevak Samaj and the Department of